

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY AND MAQUOKETA VALLEY REC	DOCKET NO. SPU-03-19
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**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION  
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES**

(Issued January 20, 2004)

On December 22, 2003, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) and Maquoketa Valley REC (Maquoketa) filed a joint petition for modification of electric service area boundaries pursuant to 199 IAC 20.3(9). A service area agreement between IPL and Maquoketa was attached to the petition. No objections to the petition were filed.

IPL and Maquoketa have agreed to an exchange of service territory and request the Board modify the service territory boundaries between the two utilities in Dubuque County and Jones County, Iowa. The following service territory is to be transferred from Maquoketa to IPL:

Lot 6 of the platted Turkey Hollow Second Addition, located in the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 16, T-84N, R-4W of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Jones County, Iowa.

The following service territory is to be transferred from IPL to Maquoketa:

The East half (E ½) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 26, T-87N, R-1E of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Dubuque County, Iowa.

In support of the petition, IPL and Maquoketa state that the two areas are currently being developed and that the exchange of territory will allow them to provide more efficient and economic electric service. There are no existing customers in the areas being exchanged.

Iowa Code § 476.25 (2003) provides in pertinent part:

Contracts between electric utilities to designate service areas and customers to be served by the electric utility or for the exchange of customers between electric utilities, when approved by the board, shall be valid and enforceable and shall be incorporated into the appropriate exclusive service areas established pursuant to subsection 1 of this section. The board shall approve a contract if it finds that the contract will eliminate or avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, will provide adequate electric service to all areas and customers affected, will promote the efficient and economical use and development of the electric systems of the contracting electric utilities, and is in the public interest.

The Board will grant the IPL and Maquoketa joint petition for modification of service area boundaries. IPL and Maquoketa have alleged facts that establish the proposed modification is in the public interest, will prevent unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to all customers affected, and will promote the efficient and economical use of electrical systems, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.25.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The joint petition for modification of electric service area boundaries filed by Interstate Power and Light Company and Maquoketa Valley REC on December 22, 2003, is granted, subject to complaint or investigation.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004.